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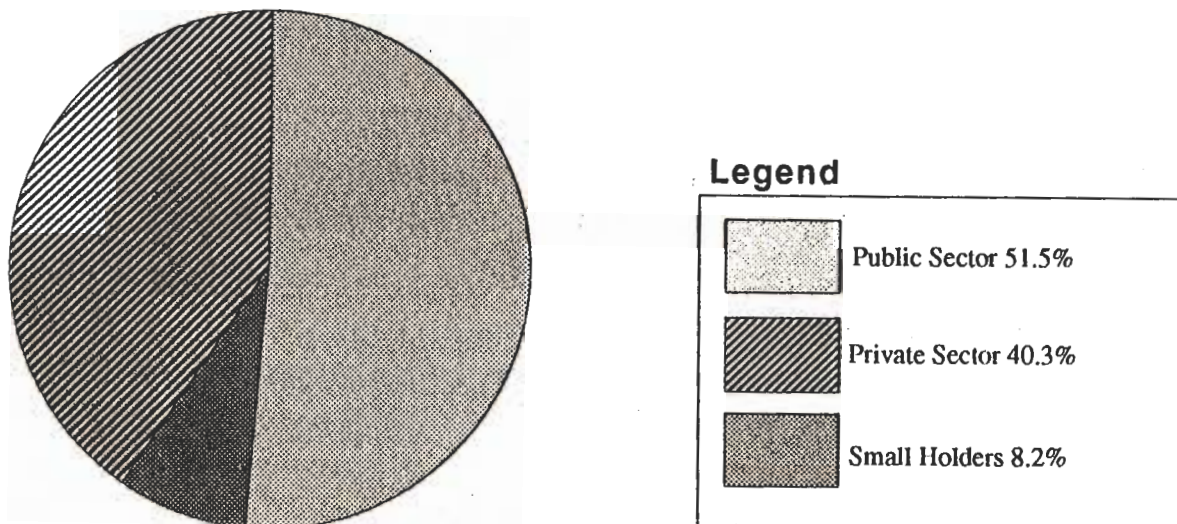


## NATIONAL TEA AND COFFEE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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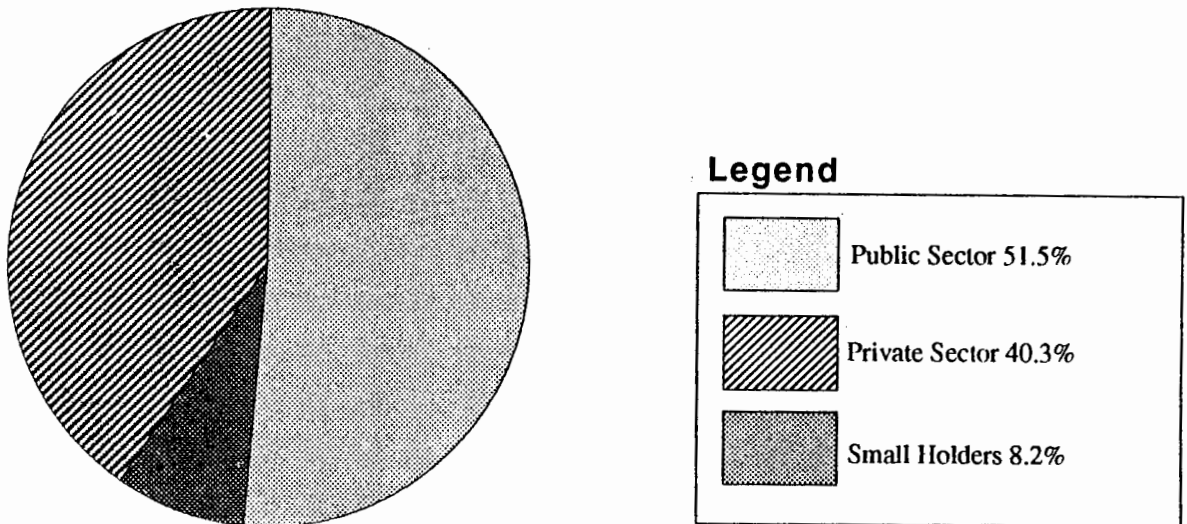


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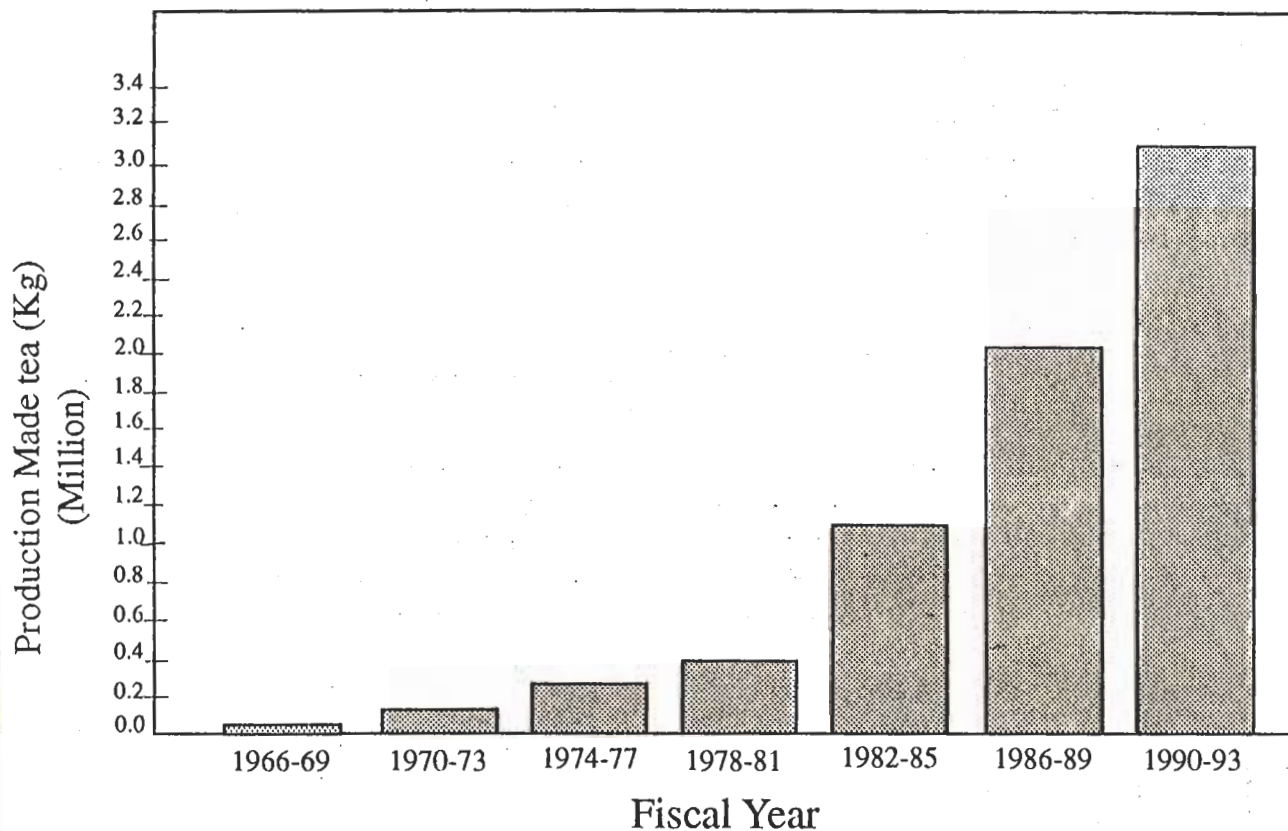
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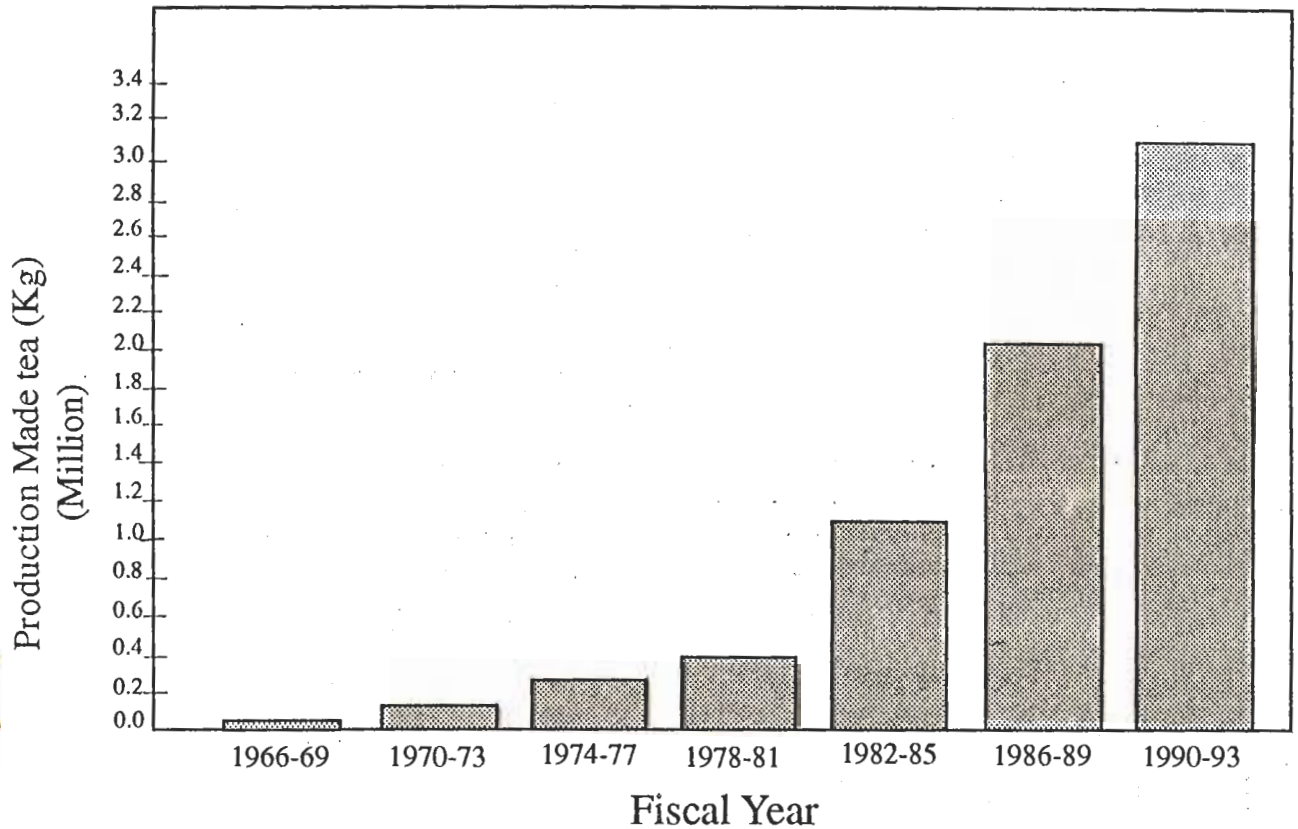
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### NTDC Tea Estates

NTDC tea estates produces both Orthodox and CTC teas. Hill tea estates of NTDC such as Ilam tea estate and Kanyam tea estate are quality concerned and produces orthodox tea of high quality comparable to that of Darjeeling teas. At present NTDC has seven tea estates. A brief discussion of NTDC gardens is given below.

#### 1. Ilam Tea Estate

Estd.	:	1966/67
Elevation	:	3000 ft- 4800 ft
Total Area	:	55 Ha
Area under Tea	:	49 Ha
Tea Production type	:	Orthodox

#### 2. Saktim Tea Estate

Estd.	:	1966/67
Elevation	:	1000 ft- 1400 ft
Total Area	:	97Ha
Area under Tea	:	72 Ha
Tea Production Type	:	CTC

#### 3. Kanyam Tea Estate

Estd.	:	1970/71
Elevation	:	5000 ft- 6000 ft
Total Area	:	215 Ha
Area under Tea	:	186 Ha
Tea Production Type	:	Orthodox

#### 4. Tokla Tea Estate

Estd.	:	1972/73
Total Area	:	321 Ha

Area under Tea : 252 Ha  
Tea Production Type : CTC

**5. Burnie Tea Estate**

Estd : 1978/79  
Elevation : 1100 ft  
Total Area : 810 Ha  
Area Under Tea : 706 Ha  
Tea Production Type : CTC

**6. Chillingkot Tea Estate**

Estd : 1983/84  
Total Area : 405 Ha  
Area Under Tea : 38 Ha  
Tea Production Type : CTC

**7. Barhadeshi Tea Estate**

Estd : 1977/78  
Total Area : 129 Ha  
Area Under Tea : 4 Ha  
Tea Production Type : CTC

**Tea Industry an alternative for poverty Alleviation ?**

**'Tea', Single Most Popular Beverage**

We have party time, dinner time, lunch time and others but it is also to be noted that we have one more time and that, this 'one more time' occurs at least once in our daily 24 hours and that is our "TEA TIME". From this simple statement it can be drawn out that 'Tea' is taken as the most important agriculture product and that it is taken as a single entity. In justification one can ask himself that 'is there a time called Rice Time or Wheat Time or a potato Time ???'. Well satisfy yourself and try Judging yourself the importance of Tea as a special crop and the care that should be given to it.

TEA, the most popular beverage of the world is an important agro-based and labour intensive industry. Tea industry alone contributes a lion's share of foreign exchange

in almost all of the tea growing countries of which India, Sri Lanka, Kenya are the classic examples.

In broad sense Tea Industry helps build a Nation in a number of ways:

### **Tea Industry a natural pollution checker:**

Tea Industry being an agricultural based industry helps in conserving soil and moisture. With the development of recent technologies, not even a single unit meter of our valuable land gets exposed to the direct dehydrating and deteriorating effect of sun, thus preserving our soil fertility status and inturn providing us with the much valued greenery.

### **Tea Industry, a step toward Rural Development.**

Tea plantation in any rural areas brings about a healthy socio-economic situation. The tea industry provides employment to the major fraction of the rural population thereby checking the outmigration problem. Various linkage roads that are needed by the tea estates for their day to day operation also contributes to the development of rural areas. It further provides business opportunities to another half of the population in a number of ways directly and indirectly. The industry with it's labour welfare program provides the workers or the rural population with educational and hospital facilities. In an overall analysis Tea Industry brings about a pleasant social harmony and actually builds a society and therefore a nation.

### **Tea a healthy Drink**

Tea, next to water is the most widely consumed beverage in the world. It was first introduced in China 47 centuries ago and became immensely popular throughout the world within the last 2000 years. Recently a number of health and nutrition claims have been made about tea, and modern sciences has begun to investigate tea's components and it's effect more rigorously. While the evidence linking tea to such benefits as lowering blood cholesterol may be tantalizing, much more study needs to be done before definite conclusions can be drawn.

One nutritional benefit of tea that is universally accepted, however is it's role in maintaining fluid balance in the body-an under appreciated yet critical function. Proper fluid balance is essential for such basic functions as regulation of body temperature, transport of nutrient and harmones to the cells, transport of waste products from the cells, lubrication, and catalysis of many bio-chemical reactions. Despite these myriad roles, body fluid is a topic seldom discussed or even recognized



by many health and nutrition communicators. An article on the "Why tea is healthier than you thought" has already been published by the Tea Association of USA. The same article was reviewed and approved by George Christakis, M.D, University of Miami School of Medicine; Henry Ginsberg, M.D, Columbia University College of physicians and Surgeons; Arthur Bassett, Ph. D., University of Miami School of Medicine and John Weisburger M.D. (hc), Naylor Dana Institute.

## NECO COFFEE

### Coffee Production in Nepal ???

Coffee Production in Nepal was actually started in the year B.S. 2033 in Gulmi. To date information says that about 19 districts of Nepal produces coffee though in a very small scale.

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